



Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Broadband Industry Practices (WC Docket No. 07-52)

October 13, 2009

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

In today's economy, it's more important than ever that small and minority owned businesses have access to innovative and affordable communications technology. Broadband deployment and adoption requires investment in advanced networks and innovative solutions. Unnecessary net neutrality regulation would inhibit economic opportunity, hamper growth and development, and be especially burdensome on minority owned companies.

As President of The African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey, I am dedicated to the business development and economic empowerment of American society, and particularly, the African American communities within the state of New Jersey. This means that our members need to have untethered access to wireless and broadband technology which helps them better serve their customers, bring jobs to their local community, and remotely conduct their business. We are concerned that the net neutrality rules being proposed would have an adverse effect on those who are otherwise thriving under the robust market we see today.

We need a business climate that is conducive to growth and free of policy that thwarts competition. New net neutrality rules may raise the cost of today's technology, and hamper the way our member companies stay in touch and organize their lives.

Please keep minority owned businesses in mind as you move forward with an announcement that could have a negative impact on minority businesses, their customers, and the state of New Jersey.

Sincerely,

John Harmon

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